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## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – November 13, 2022

### THE GATHERING

*Please let us know you're here by texting FCC to 77411.*

Welcome Brooke Reid

Prelude Laura Pease

Call to Worship Brooke Reid

Opening Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* No. 606

***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***

***Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.***

***Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.***

Opening Prayer Dr. Mark Bender

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Jeanette Showalter

Children's Message Dr. Mark Bender

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Brooke Reid

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Anthem

*God Has Called Us* – Hobby

Chancel Choir

Sermon

*Treasure*

Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

*Here at Thy Table, Lord* – vs. 1 & 2

No. 384

***Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,  
O let us feel thee near, in loving power;  
calling our thoughts away from self and sin.  
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.***

***Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread;  
fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead;  
that we may find in thee, pardon and peace;  
and from all bondage win a full release.***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Dr. Larry Spradley

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Kerry Roach & Chris Showalter

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

**I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**

## THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Dr. Mark Bender

Blessing of Thanksgiving Baskets

Offertory

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* – arr. Raney

Chancel Choir

Maggy Anderson, soloist

\*Doxology

No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

\*Offertory Prayer

## THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn

*Take My Life* – vs. 1, 4 & 6

No. 609

***Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in  
ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use every power as  
thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.***

***Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only,  
all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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### **Memorials and Honors**

In memory of William Lancaster (father of Nancy Smith) given by Doug & Vicki Kunkle, Kerry & Sharon Roach. The cornucopia arrangement is given by Ann Hunter in memory of her parents and in honor of her family and her church family. Thanks to Emily Wilson, Cindy Hernandez and Roma Prassel for their help.

The Picture of a Generous Disciple

# PICTIONARY

Treasure

## my time

**"Be careful, then, how you live not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time."**  
EPHESIANS 5:15-16A

I/we commit to pray for others to make the most of their time.

I/we commit to "redeem" my/our time in the ways we act, in the things we say, and in the ways we give our time to others.

## my talent

**"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."**  
1 PETER 4:10

I/we commit to use the skills and capabilities God has given me/us to serve God better and enrich the lives of others.

## my legacy

**"Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."** 1 CORINTHIANS 4:1

I/we commit to impact the future by sharing my/our faith and influence with the next generation.

I/we would like more information on planned giving.

MY 2023 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

## my treasure

**And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**  
2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity, I/we make this commitment to Christ's church and the ministry of this congregation for 2023.

Total annual commitment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Per week \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Per month \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send information about ACH bank draft.
- My/our bank information remains unchanged. Please continue ACH bank draft.

ANNUAL INCOME	5%	7%	8%	10%
\$25,000	\$1,250	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$3,750	\$5,250	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$10,000

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MY 2023 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT



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of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Thanksgiving Offering 2022

Colleges

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## 2022 Thanksgiving Offering

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) institutions of high learning have a long history of nurturing the faith life of students and developing Christian leaders who will further the work of transforming the church, society, and the world.

Students involved in Disciples on Campus (DOC) programs speak often about the warmth and support they receive and are grateful for opportunities to growth in their faith through worship, fellowship, Bible study, and service projects.

Those who go on to further study in our theological institutions are prepared for a wide range of Christian ministry including pastoral ministry, mission, ecumenicism, issues of justice, teaching, and beyond.

Thank you for your generous support of this year's Thanksgiving Offering. It allows our schools to continue shaping the lives of many, all to the glory of God.

**Sermon Notes**

1. Powerball craze

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2. The most successful stewardship campaign in history

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3. Apostolic economics

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4. "You talk about it too much"

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5. It takes all three

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, November 13 Stewardship Campaign / Thanksgiving Special Offering		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	First Things	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	College Bible Study	Qdoba's
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402/405
Monday, November 14		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00 am	Coats for Kids Sorting & Delivering Coats	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	YAS Music	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Leadership Development Committee Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 15		
9:00 am	Coats for Kids Sorting & Delivering Coats	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 222
12:00 pm	YAS Staff Meeting	Room 405
6:00 pm	Faith Formation Ministry Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, November 16		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
9:00 am	Coats for Kids Sorting & Delivering Coats	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School - Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, November 17		
9:00 am	Coats for Kids Sorting & Delivering Coats	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	YAS Thanksgiving Feast	Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 18		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:30 am	YAS Thanksgiving Feast	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	CCF Thanksgiving Feast	Fellowship Hall
	Leave for DC Kids Fall Retreat (Nov. 18-20)	Disciples Crossing
Saturday, November 19		
9:45 am	Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets	Parking Lot